



Dear Members of the Connecticut General Assembly Committee on Human Services

Hello My name is Gladys Pucunu, I am a member of the MRCT and a resident of Bridgeport.

I am for H.B. 6616 AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXPANSION OF HUSKY HEALTH BENEFITS TO THOSE INELIGIBLE DUE TO THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS thereof.

I am an undocumented mother from Ecuador who arrived in Bridgeport with my husband and our 3 children 20 months ago seeking medical help for our baby who is now 16 months old because he was born without a foot and in Ecuador there are no resources for this type of problem and he was born like that ..

Since I arrived in this country, it has been difficult for me to navigate the health system or understand how it work and apply to help because I do not speak or read in english , I went to different community clinics where they received us but they could not do anything other than refer me to the Yale Hospital where I paid for transportation to get there there and they did check my baby and they made me an appointment for another day.

I received 2 bills from the hospital that are each for \$2,000 and \$1,800, which I cannot pay and I received a call that they cannot continue to attend or do more studies on my baby because I don't have insurance and if I don't pay my debt can't continue with the evaluation of my baby .

Which I did not keep insisting on because I can't pay the bills or transportation. This breaks my heart because my baby tries to run or walk but he can't because the doctor's recommendation is that he needs a prosthesis to be able to walk or have a normal life like other children.

I am very happy for the great expansion gain of Husky for children 0-13 because my 16-month-old baby and his 12-year-old sister will be able to have a primary doctor and continue with their treatment, but sad because my 14-year-old daughter will not have that privilege of having a primary doctor or my husband and I.

I support HB 6616 and call on the Human Services and Appropriations Committee and Governor Lamont to support this bill that would provide access to healthcare for all regardless of immigration status. Our Families need to feel welcome in CT and that access to healthcare should not be limited or denied to anyone regardless of status or not.

Thanks for your time,  
Gladys Pucuna member of Make The Road CT



Estimados Miembros del Comité de Servicios Humanos de la Asamblea General de Connecticut

Hola Mi nombre es Gladys Pucunu soy miembro de MRCT y residente de Bridgeport .

Yo .Estoy a favor de H.B. 6616 UNA LEY RELATIVA A LA EXPANSIÓN DE LOS BENEFICIOS DE SALUD DE HUSKY A AQUELLOS NO ELEGIBLES DEBIDO A SU ESTATUS MIGRATORIO.

Yo como madre indocumentada de Ecuador que llegue a Bridgeport con mi esposo y nuestros 3 hijos hace 19 meses buscando ayuda medica para nuestro bebe que ahora tiene 16 meses porque el nacio sin un piecito y en ecuador no hay recursos para ese tipo de problema y no saben porque nacio hace .

Desde llegue a este pais se me a echo dificil navegar en el sistema de salud o entender porque no lee english ni puedo leer ,fui a diferentes clinicas comunitarias donde nos recibieron pero no podian hacer nada mas que referirime al Hospital de Yale donde pague transporte para llegar alli y no revisaron y dieron citas para otro dia hasta que me llegaron 2 facturas de l hospital que son cada uno de \$2,000 y \$1,800 lo cual no puedo pagar y recibi una llamada donde no pueden seguir atendiendo o hacer ma estudios a mi bebe porque no tengo seguro y si no pago mi deuda . lo cual no segui llevando insistiendo porque no puedo pagar las facturas o transporte , .eso me dextrosa el corazon porque mi bebe trata de querer correr o caminar pero no puede porque el la recomendacione sde doctores es que el necesita una protesis para poder caminar o tener una vida normal como otros ninos .

Yo estoy muy contenta por el gran gane de expansion de Husky para ninos 0-13 porque mi bebe de 16 meses y su hermana de 12 podran tener un doctor primario y seguir con su tratamiento ,pero triste porque mi hija de 14 años no tendra ese privilegio de tener un doctor primario o mi esposo y yo .

Yo apoyo a HB 6616\_ Y pido a al comité de Servicios humanos y apropiaciones y Governor Lamont que apoyen este proyecto de ley que daria acceso a salud para todos independientemente de su estado migratorio.

Nuestras Familias necesitamos sentirlos bienvenidos en CT y que el acceso a la salud no debe ser limitado o negado a nadie sin importar si tienes estatus o no .

Gracias por tu tiempo,Gladys Pucuna miembro de Make The Road CT

